(Quantity in tons)

Country	1988-89 (Qty.)	1989-90 (Qty.)	1990-91 (Qty.)
Others			
Newzealand	58	19	86
USA	..	..	198
TOTAL	58	19	284
Grand Total FCV Exports	29445	35370	47017
Unmanufactured Tobacco	39917	58183	70375

(Source : Tobacco Board)

Export of Sugar

1148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the quantum of sugar exported during the current season and at what price?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): During the current sugar year i.e. October, '90 to September, '91, upto 15-7-91 a quantity of 1,49,548 MT sugar has been exported at an average price of Rs. 6743.00 approx. per MT.

Replacing cash compensatory support by R.E.P. Licence

1149. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to replace cash compensatory support by R.E.P. licence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government has suspended the Scheme of Cash Compensatory Support with effect from 3-7-91 in view of the re-structuring and expansion of the Replenishment Licence Scheme and also the present level of exchange rates.

Under the revised REP Policy, all exports have a uniform REP rate of 30 per cent of the FOB value, in place of rates ranging from 5 to 20 per cent of the FOB value. Special rates for gems and jewellery, certain metal based handicrafts and newspapers/journals/periodicals will, however, continue. Replenishment Licensing Scheme (REP) has now become the principal instrument for export related imports and can be freely traded.

India's agreement with U.S.A.I.D

1150. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed recently between the Depatment of Economic Affairs of the Government of India and the U.S. Agency for International Development;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this will help Government to meet the present economic crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Project Grant Agreement for the "Energy Management Consultation and Training" project was signed on June 28 1991 with the U.S. Agency for International Development. The project is designed improve the efficiency of energy supply and its use by industry and other sectors of the Indian economy. It will assist Power Finance Corporation to effectively improve the operational and financial performance of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) so that they can supply power on a more efficient, reliable and sustainable basis to industry and other sectors. It will also assist, through the Industrial Development Bank of India, private industrial and other enterprises to obtain energy services and equipment to improve their management and install new systems to reduce their energy consumption. USAID is committed to provide grant of US $20 million in increments and the balance US $6.666 million will be contributed by the PFC and IDBI in Indian Rupees. The project is expected to complete by March 31, 1997. This project will assist the Government in a very limited way as far as the present economic crisis is concerned. However, it will provide long term benefits through increasing efficiency of energy supply and its use in industry.

महिला आयोग के सदस्य और पदाधिकारी

1151. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा गठित महिला आयोग के सदस्यों और पदाधिकारियों की घोषणा कर दी गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो यह कब तक किये जाने की सम्भावना है ।

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (युवा कार्य और खेल विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कु० ममता बेनर्जी) : (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग के गठन के सम्बन्ध में अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं किया गया है।

Exemption from exise duty for tractor manufacturers

1152. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tractor manufacturing industries are given exemptions from excise duties for manufacture of certain types of tractors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total amount of excise duty exempted per year for this specific purpose for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Tractors of engine capacity upto 1800 cc are fully exempted from excise duty.

(c) Revenue loss of Rs. 9 crores in a full year was estimated at the time of granting the existing exemption. As the exemption is a continuing one, the question of fresh revenue loss for the succeeding years does not arise.